

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-R2-ES-2020-0133; FXES11130200000-212-FF02ENEH00]
Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Initiation of 5-Year Status
Reviews of 23 Species in the Southwest

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of initiation of reviews; request for information.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, are conducting 5-year status reviews under the Endangered Species Act of 23 animal and plant species. A 5-year status review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review; therefore, we are requesting submission of any such information that has become available since the last review for the species.

DATES: To ensure consideration, we are requesting submission of new information no later than [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time.

ADDRESSES: For how to request or submit information, see Request for Information and How Do I Ask Questions or Provide Information? in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information, please contact Angela Anders, via phone at 505–248–7953 or via email at Angela_Anders@fws.gov (email). For information on a particular species, contact the appropriate person or office listed in the table in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section. Individuals who are hearing impaired or speech impaired may

call the Federal Relay Service at 800–877–8339 for TTY assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Why Do We Conduct A 5-Year Review?

Under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we maintain Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (which we collectively refer to as the List) in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.11 (for animals) and 17.12 (for plants). Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the ESA requires us to review each listed species' status at least once every 5 years. Our regulations at 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the *Federal Register* announcing those species under active review. For additional information about 5-year reviews, refer to our factsheet at http://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/recovery-overview.html.

What Information Do We Consider in Our Review?

A 5-year review considers all new information available at the time of the review. In conducting these reviews, we consider the best scientific and commercial data that have become available since the listing determination or most recent status review, such as:

- (A) Species biology, including but not limited to population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics, and genetics;
- (B) Habitat conditions, including but not limited to amount, distribution, and suitability;
 - (C) Conservation measures that have been implemented that benefit the species;
- (D) Threat status and trends in relation to the five listing factors (as defined in section 4(a)(1) of the ESA); and
- (E) Other new information, data, or corrections, including but not limited to taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the List, and improved analytical methods.

Any new information will be considered during the 5-year review and will also be useful in evaluating the ongoing recovery programs for the species.

Which Species Are Under Review?

The species in the following table are under active 5-year status review.

ANIMALS							
Common Name	Scientific Name	Listing Status	Current Range	Final listing rule (Federal Register citation and publication date)	Contact Person, Phone, Email	Contact Person's U.S. Mail Address	
Trout, Apache	Oncorhynchus apache	Threatened	Arizona (USA)	40 FR 29863 7/16/1975	Jeff Humphrey, Field Supervisor, 602–242–0210 (phone) or Jeff_Humphrey@fws.gov (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arizona Ecological Services Office, 9828 North 31st Avenue, #C3, Phoenix, AZ 85051–2518	
Crane, whooping	Grus americana	Endangered	Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Wisconsin (USA), and Canada	32 FR 4001 3/11/1967	Peter Fasbender, Assistant Regional Director- Ecological Services, 505- 248-6671 (office phone) or Peter_Fasbender @fws.gov (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Southwest Regional Office, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, NM, 87103	
		Experimental population, non-essential	Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North	58 FR 5561 1/22/0993 62 FR 38932 7/21/1997 66 FR 33903 6/26/2001 76 FR 6066			

			Carolina, New Mexico, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Wisconsin, West Virginia	2/3/2011		
Prairie-chicken, Attwater's greater	Tympanuchus cupido attwateri	Endangered	Texas (USA)	32 FR 4001 3/11/1967	John Magera, Refuge Manager, 979-234-3021 (office phone) or John_Magera@fws.gov (email)	Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 519, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434
Amphipod, Peck's Cave	Stygobromus (=Stygonectes) pecki	Endangered	Texas (USA)	62 FR 66295 12/18/1997	Adam Zerrenner, Field Supervisor, 512–490–0057 (office phone), 512–577– 6594 (direct line) or Adam_Zerrenner@fws.gov (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758
Beetle [no common name]	Rhadine infernalis	Endangered	Texas (USA)	65 FR 81419 12/26/2000		
Beetle [no common name]	Rhadine exilis	Endangered	Texas (USA)	65 FR 81419 12/26/2000		
Beetle, Comal Springs dryopid	Stygoparnus comalensis	Endangered	Texas (USA)	62 FR 66295 12/18/1997		
Beetle, Comal Springs riffle	Heterelmis comalensis	Endangered	Texas (USA)	62 FR 66295 12/18/1997		
Pupfish, Comanche Springs	Cyprinodon elegans	Endangered	Texas (USA)	32 FR 4001 3/11/1967		
Pupfish, Leon Springs	Cyprinodon bovinus	Endangered	Texas (USA)	45 FR 54678 8/15/1980		
Salamander, Georgetown	Eurycea naufragia	Threatened	Texas (USA)	79 FR 20107 4/11/2014		
Salamander, Jollyville Plateau	Eurycea tonkawae	Threatened	Texas (USA)	78 FR 51278 8/20/2013		
Salamander, Salado	Eurycea chisholmensis	Threatened	Texas (USA)	79 FR 20107 4/11/2014		

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Salamander, San Marcos	Eurycea nana	Threatened	Texas (USA)	45 FR 47355 7/14/1980		
Spider, Government Canyon Bat Cave	Neoleptoneta microps	Endangered	Texas (USA)	65 FR 81418 12/26/2000		
Warbler (=wood), golden-cheeked	Dendroica chrysoparia	Endangered	Texas (USA), El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Nicaragua	55 FR 53153 12/27/1990		
Chub, Chihuahua	Gila nigrescens	Threatened	New Mexico (USA), and Mexico	48 FR 46053 10/11/1983	Shawn Sartorious, Field Supervisor, 505-761-4781 or	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2105 Osuna Rd NE
Isopod, Socorro Thermosphaeroma thermophilus		Endangered	New Mexico (USA)	43 FR 12690 3/27/1978	Shawn_Sartorious@fws.gov (email)	Albuquerque, NM 87113- 1001
PLANTS						
Wild-buckwheat, Gypsum	Eriogonum gypsophilum	Threatened	New Mexico (USA)	46 FR 49639 1/19/1981	Shawn Sartorious, Field Supervisor, 505-761-4781	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2105 Osuna Rd NE Albuquerque, NM 87113- 1001
Cactus, Knowlton's	Pediocactus knowltonii	Endangered	Colorado and New Mexico (USA)	44 FR 62244 10/29/1979	or Shawn_Sartorious@fws.gov (email)	
Ladies-tresses, Canelo Hills	Spiranthes delitescens	Endangered	Arizona (USA)	62 FR 665 1/6/1997	Jeff Humphrey, Field Supervisor, 602–242–0210	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arizona Ecological Services
Cactus, Nichol's Turk's head	Echinocactus horizonthalonius var. nicholii	Endangered	Arizona (USA)	44 FR 61927 10/26/1979	(phone) or Jeff_Humphrey@fws.gov (email)	

Ragwort, San Francisco Peaks	Packera franciscana	Threatened	Arizona (USA)	44 FR 61927 10/26/1979		Office, 9828 North 31st Avenue, #C3, Phoenix, AZ 85051–2517	
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Request for Information

To ensure that a 5-year review is complete and based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we request new information from all sources. See What Information Do We Consider in Our Review? for specific criteria. If you submit information, please support it with documentation such as maps, bibliographic references, methods used to gather and analyze the data, and/or copies of any pertinent publications, reports, or letters by knowledgeable sources.

How Do I Ask Questions or Provide Information?

If you wish to provide information for any species listed above, please submit your comments and materials to the appropriate contact in the table above. You may also direct questions to those contacts. Individuals who are hearing impaired or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 800–877–8339 for TTY assistance.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Completed and Active Reviews

A list of all completed and currently active 5-year reviews can be found at https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/report/species-five-year-review.

Authority

This document is published under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

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